Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—There will be deduction in the amount with regard to these items if tenders were called for.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The same deductions were made in these works also.

Mutual transfer of the Excise Superintendent and the Devaswam Commissioner.

132. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how many changes have there been in the personnel of the Superintendent of Excise Revenue for the last two years;

(b) what are the qualifications according to the Government for the Superintendent of Excise;

(c) did the officers who successively held the Superintendentship possess all these qualifications;

(d) what post was each of them holding before the appointment to that post and what is the post to which each of them was transferred afterwards;

(e) what were the reasons for effecting suddenly the transfers of the Excise Superintendent and Devaswam Superintendent in Chingam last on the eve of retirement of the previous Diwan?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Two.

(b) No particular qualification is prescribed, but a candidate's fitness to hold the post is looked into before he is appointed to the post.

(c) Yes.

(d) Mr. C. V. Antony was a District and Sessions Judge. He was transferred as Puisne Judge of the Chief Court.

Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar was the District Magistrate. He was transferred as the Devaswam Commissioner.

(e) There was no suddeness in effecting the transfer.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what are the conditions which make a candidate fit for the post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Capacity for work, general knowledge, efficiency, etc.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—How long was this Ramalinga Ayyar the Excise Commissioner?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—About a year.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—When was this transfer decided on?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The transfer was made sometime in Chingam, 1106, I think.

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Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what are the reasons for the transfer ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—In the interests of the departments the transfer was made.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is there anything which you can explain other than the general term in the interests of the departments ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is all I can explain.

133. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the present salary of Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar and the salary he was receiving as the Commissioner of Excise Revenue;

(b) the present salary of Mr. U. Kandar Menon as the Commissioner of Excise Revenue and the salary he was receiving towards the close of the year 1105, i. e., in the last Mithunam and Karkadagam ;

(c) was there any urgent necessity for the mutual transfer of Messrs. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar and U. Kandar Menon and if so, what was that ;

(d) were the Government requisitioned either by Mr. U. Kandar Menon or by Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar for a transfer, and if so, what were the reasons assigned for the request ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Present salary, Rs. 450 per mensem.

Salary as Excise Superintendent—Rs. 450 per mensem.

(b) Present salary—Rs. 610.

Salary in Mithunam and Karkadagam 1105—Rs. 570 per mensem.

(c) Government considered the mutual transfer would be in the interests of the departments concerned.

(d) No.

Surpluses in the State.

134. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement of the figures from 1098 onwards in the following form:—

1	2	3	4	5
Year	Total Customs Revenue	Total amount surplus according to actuals every year	Total surplus to the credit of the State every year	Increase of surplus over previous years.

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